



Living Your Potential - All Your Life!

Enabling Full Participation

For People With Developmental Disabilities

Surrey Place Centre

Communicative Disorders Assistant Student Placement

Surrey Place Centre provides specialized clinical services to help children and adults living with developmental disabilities, visual impairments and autism spectrum disorder reach their full potential. Surrey Place Centre offers clinical placement to a student enrolled in a post-graduate diploma in a Communication Disorder Assistant Program who has demonstrated an interest in working with infants, children and/or adults living with developmental disabilities. Students will have the opportunity to shadow an experienced Audiologist or Speech Language Pathologist throughout their placement.

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS ASSISTANT STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Assist with audiological and speech language assessments and interventions
- Assist with client hearing aid fittings and counselling clients on hearing aid use
- Learn of a wide range of disabilities and challenges related to Down Syndrome, Fragile X, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, hearing, visual, health and aging issues, challenging behaviours, etc.
- Learn of government and community supports for persons with developmental disability
- Improve research and clinical skills
- Work in an interdisciplinary team setting with physicians, nurses, behavioural therapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, CDAs, speech language pathologists and other disciplines
- Work with clients' caregivers, parents, teachers, residential, respite and day program workers and vocational instructors.
- Learn about issues affecting lives of people with developmental disabilities from birth to adulthood

PLACEMENT CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Enrolled in a post-graduate diploma in Communication Disorders Assistant Program
- Basic understanding of developmental disabilities or a demonstrated interest in working with persons living with developmental disabilities
- Articulated learning goals for placement
- Statement of Understanding between academic institution and SPC with evidence of WSIB coverage (not covered by SPC)
- French is considered an asset

For more information on Surrey Place Centre and our student placements, please contact the **Student Placement Coordinator** at your **Institution** or visit the Surrey Place Centre website:

www.surreyplace.on.ca